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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent of: Valentino J. Stella, *et al.*

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For: WATER SOLUBLE PRODRUGS OF  
HINDERED ALCOHOLS

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Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to the "Notice of Final Determination and Requirement for Election" dated August 1, 2011. The patentee elects to extend U.S. Patent No. 6,204,257. The patentee understands that the period of extension will be 1,424 days, resulting in a new expiration date of July 1, 2022 for this patent.

The patentee believes that no fee is due with this response; however, the Director is authorized to charge any fees required by this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0740 under Docket No. 029163.0018-US00.

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Respectfully submitted,

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